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Smokejumper Obituary

Jensen, Marshall H. (Missoula 1944)

Marshall died June 12, 1997, in Hamilton, MT from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. He was born September 5, 1924, in Marshalltown, IA. Marshall graduated from high school in Eau Claire, WI, where he enrolled in the teacher's college before being drafted in 1943. He was a Quaker and entered Civilian Public Service.

He was one of the CPS-103 jumpers at Missoula during the 44/45 seasons. Marshall trained at Nine Mile and was stationed at Big Prairie RS in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. He had 13 jumps during the '44 season and seven more in the '45 season.

He remembered a jump to a fire in the Hell's Canyon that took place at 10:15 in the night. That fire took a week to control and entailed a climb out of the canyon and a 19-mile hike to a guard station.

After working for Pacific Telephone for 30 years, Marshall retired in Chico, CA, before moving to Hamilton, Montana, in 1991.

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